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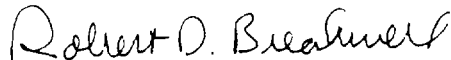
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Notification
Implementation of Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis
Supplemental Field Characterization Program
Fansteel Inc.
North Chicago, Illinois Facility

Dear Mr. O'Grady:

This correspondence was prepared by Earth Sciences Consultants, Inc. (Earth Sciences) on behalf of Fansteel Inc. (Fansteel) and serves as notification to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the commencement of the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) supplemental field characterization program at Fansteel's North Chicago, Illinois facility. Specifically, fieldwork will begin at the property on May 30, 2001 at approximately 8:00 a.m. All field activities will be performed in accordance with the March 28, 2001 EE/CA Work Plan, Quality Assurance Project Plan, and Site Health and Safety Plan. The fieldwork will also incorporate the additional and modified work scope items contained in Earth Sciences' May 18, 2001 response to USEPA comments letter. We expect that the field program will require approximately 3 weeks to complete. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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